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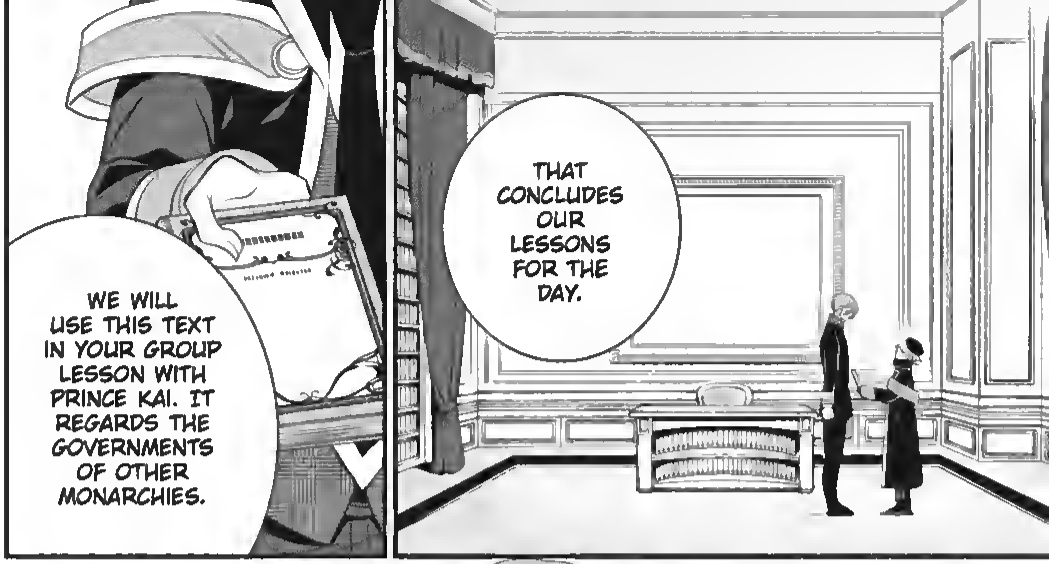

WE WILL USE THIS TEXT IN YOUR GROUP LESSON WITH PRINCE KAI. IT REGARDS THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER MONARCHIES.
THAT CONCLUDES OUR LESSONS FOR THE DAY.

FWIP
I WILL READ IT FROM FRONT TO BACK BEFORE THE LESSON!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MASTER.

YOU HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE DEVOTED TO YOUR STUDIES RECENTLY, PRINCE BRUNO.
I APPROVE.

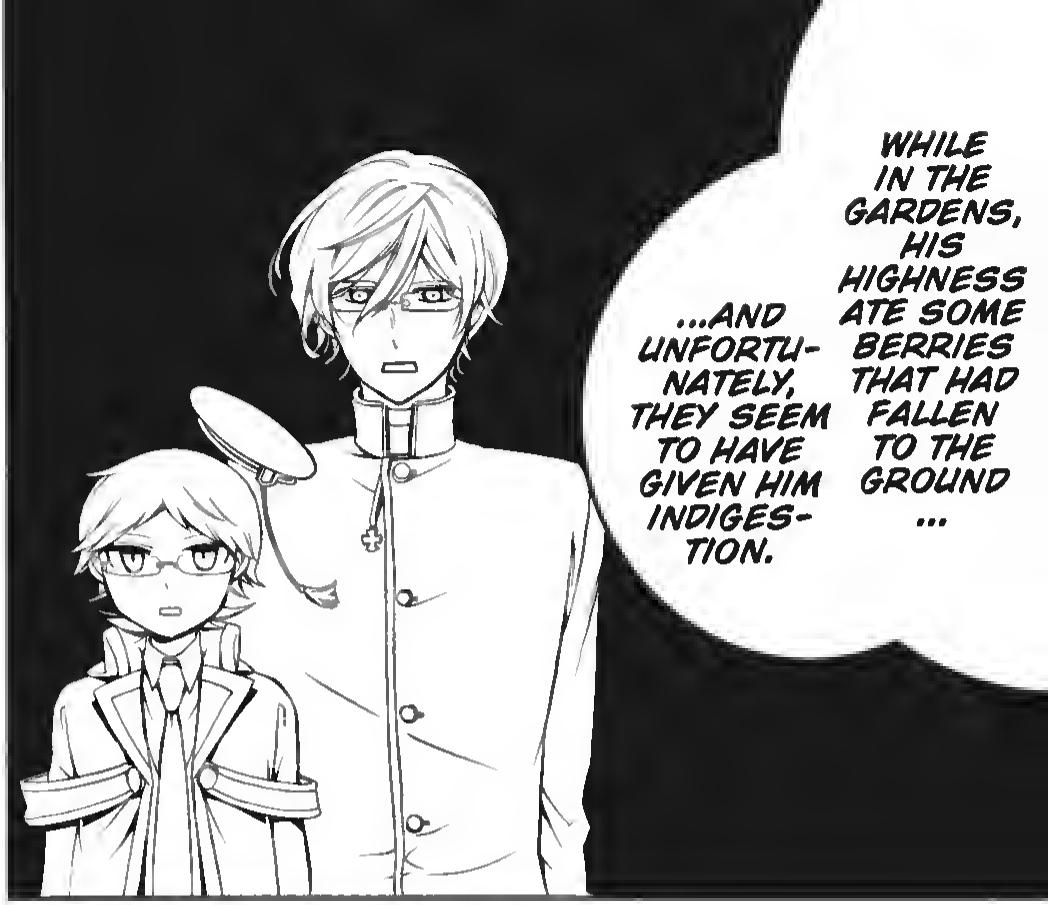
AH, YES. THAT WAS A MOST PERPLEXING MATTER.
I DO BELIEVE THAT IT DEEPENED MY UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CHARACTER.
IT IS BECAUSE OF MY RENEWED RESOLVE TO BECOME KING.
.....
WHY, MASTER! YOU HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD ME BETTER THAN ANY OTHER PERSON IN MY LIFE!
I-I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
BUT... IT'S...IT'S PRINCE KAI...
GLARE
YOU COULD NOT TAKE THE TIME TO KNOCK?
SLAM
E-EXCUSE ME!

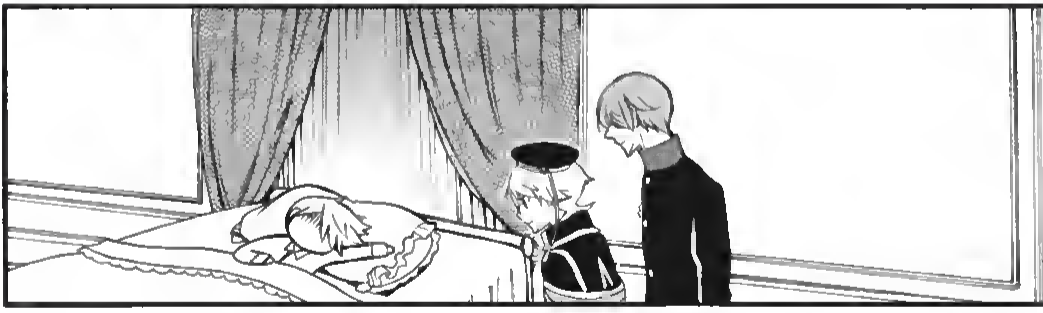
HIS HIGH-NESS...
...COL-LAPSED IN THE GARDENS...!
WHA...!?
TH-THEY CARRIED HIS HIGHNESS TO HIS CHAMBERS...
THE DOCTOR IS EXAMINING HIM NOW...

.....!
DASH
PRINCE BRUNO!
SLAM
KAI!

.....!
KAI!
KAI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

GH...
NNH...
TUMP
PRINCE KAI!
.....
HE LOOKS TO BE IN A GREAT DEAL OF PAIN.
I HAVE FINISHED EXAMINING PRINCE KAI.
I... SINCERELY WISH I DID NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS...


WHILE IN THE GARDENS, HIS HIGHNESS ATE SOME BERRIES THAT HAD FALLEN TO THE GROUND ...
...AND UNFORTU-NATELY, THEY SEEM TO HAVE GIVEN HIM INDIGES-TION.



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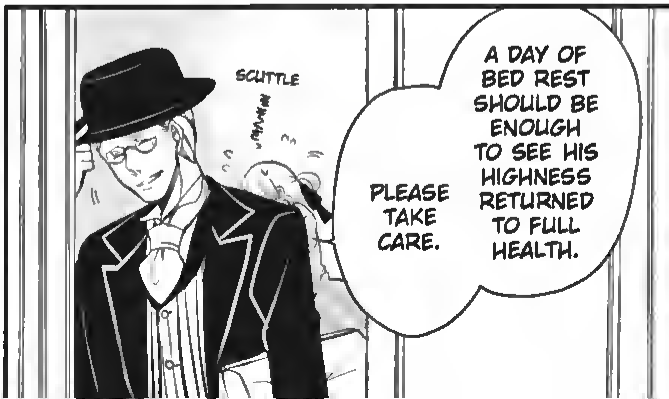
SCUTTLE
A DAY OF BED REST SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO SEE HIS HIGHNESS RETURNED TO FULL HEALTH.
PLEASE TAKE CARE.

KAIIII...
RMBL
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IN WHAT LAND DOES A PRINCE SCAVENGE FOR FOOD?
...LOOKED... YUMMY...
...SORRY...
...BERRIES... SO...RED...

OF COURSE... .....
Y... YES...
NOW, NOW. ARE YOU NOT RELIEVED THAT ALL IS WELL?

GOODNESS. BUTTON UP YOUR SHIRT.
KEEP THE BLANKET AROUND YOUR SHOULDERS.
FWFF
FWFF
HOW-EVER...
...IT IS NOT RIGHT, CAUSING UNDUE STRESS FOR EVERYONE IN THE PALACE.
...SORRY.
MN...
NOW, YOU WILL STAY IN BED AND MAKE A SWIFT RECOVERY.
UNDER-STOOD!?
YOUR VISIT IS OVER ALREADY?
HE DOES NOT REQUIRE MY ATTEN-TION.
GOOD LORD, THAT TROUBLE-MAKER...!
ぷんす
FUME
ぷんす
FUME
IT WAS BUT A FALSE ALARM.
LET US BE OFF, MASTER!

.....
THE TEXT FOR TOMORROW'S GROUP LESSON... SHOULD I GIVE IT TO PRINCE KAI, GIVEN HIS CONDITION?
I WOULD PREFER THAT HE RECEIVE IT TODAY...

.....
JUMP
PRINCE BRUNO.
M-MASTER!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER? YOU HAVE BEEN STANDING BEFORE PRINCE KAI'S DOOR.
COULD IT BE YOU ARE WORRIED?
...

TRULY?
YES, TRULY!
ZWIP
N-NEVER.
I WOULD NOT BABY MY ELDER BROTHER.
.....
I WAS ABOUT TO VISIT PRINCE KAI, TO GIVE HIM THIS TEXT.
WOULD YOU COME WITH ME?
TMP
TMP
TMP
GOOD-NESS GRA-CIOUS.
FWOO...
W-WERE YOU, NOW?
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, THEN, MASTER.

KNOCK
KNOCK
PRINCE KAI, MIGHT YOU BE AWAKE?
...I'M AWAKE... COME IN...
I WILL LET MYSELF IN, THEN.

LOOK, TEACHER... I WAS JUST DRAWING YOU.
YOU HAVE BECOME QUITE TAKEN WITH DRAWING SINCE OUR LESSON.

KAI, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW—I AM ONLY PRESENT AS MASTER'S ATTEN-DANT!
BEING BY MASTER'S SIDE IS MY SINGULAR MOTIVE FOR BEING HERE!
PRINCE BRUNO. PRINCE KAI MADE NO COMMENT.
WHOOSH
FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET
もじ もじ もじ
.....
.....
YOUR SIGNA-TURE STYLE
IT TURNED OUT WELL.

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL...
...YOU MAY SIT THE LESSON OUT.
OKAY...
THIS IS THE TEXT FOR TOMORROW'S COMBINED LESSON.
...
BRUNO.

SORRY.
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
.....

SO...
IT WAS BAD OF ME...
...AND YOU'RE MAD AT ME...
I...
...MADE EVERY-ONE WORRY.
.....NH.
THAT'S NOT IT...
CLENCH

BRUNO.
...THAT I WAS EXTREMELY, TERRIBLY WORRIED...!
...YOU SHOULD KNOW...
AM I ANGRY? YES... I AM.
YOU WORRY ME SO.
WHEN I HEARD THOSE WORDS, THAT YOU HAD COLLAPSED ...
...A CHILL RAN DOWN MY SPINE.

...MY THOUGHTS LEAPED BACK TO THAT TIME...
...WHEN YOU WERE LEFT COVERED IN WOUNDS...
...FROM PROTECTING ME...

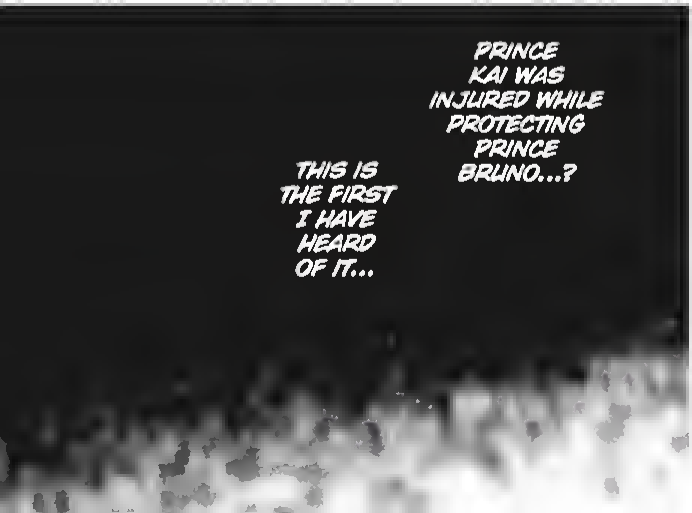
I COULD NOT BEAR...
...TO SEE SUCH A THING AGAIN...
.....
.....

.....?
BECKON
BECKON
...SORRY, BRUNO.
!
I'M FINE...
IT'S ALL ON ME. THIS TIME AND THAT TIME BOTH.
IF IT MAKES YOU SAD...
...I WON'T DO THINGS THAT MAKE YOU WORRY ANYMORE...

...I PROMISE.

KAI...
AS LONG AS YOU UNDER-STAND.
...ALL RIGHT.

KACHAK
...EXCUSE ME.


PRINCE KAI WAS INJURED WHILE PROTECTING PRINCE BRUNO...?
THIS IS THE FIRST I HAVE HEARD OF IT...

I WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH INCIDENT.
.....

BELIEVING THAT I UNDERSTAND MY PUPILS...
...SIMPLY BECAUSE I HAVE SPENT BUT A SHORT TIME WITH THEM...
...IS MERELY AN EDUCATOR'S EGO AT WORK.
.....
EVERYONE HAS PIECES OF THE PAST THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO REVISIT.
I MYSELF...
...AM NO EXCEPTION.
To be continued in the next chapter of The Royal Tutor

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